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Somalia: Dulbahante sub-clan of the Darod tribe; location of their traditional homeland; risks they face from other tribes, particularly from the Hawiye tribe (2002 to September 2004)

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For information on the Dulbahante sub-clan of the Darod tribe, including information on their traditional homeland, please consult SOM42952.E of 24 September 2004.

Information on the risks Dulbahante face from other tribes, including the Hawiye, could not be found among sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, the following information on the Hawiye tribe may be useful.

The Hawiye tribe, along with the Darod, the Digil-Mirifle and the Dir, make up the four major clans within Somalia (AllAfrica 23 Aug. 2004; AFP 5 Aug. 2004). One source, however, does not include the Digil-Mirifle, mentioning the Issaq tribe instead (The Refugee Council Sept. 2004).

The Hawiye are described as "a pastoral clan whose members live mostly along the southern and eastern coast and around Mogadishu" (The Refugee Council Sept. 2004). The Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) stress, however, that the Hawiye clan "predominates" in Mogadishu (11 Feb. 2002).

The Nairobi-based newspaper *Daily Nation* corroborates the presence of Hawiye in Mogadishu by pointing out that political control of Mogadishu is exerted mainly under the aegis of five warlords belonging to three Hawiye sub-clans (17 Sept. 2003). Similarly, a 2003 report by an American expert on Somalia, Ken Menkhaus, indicated that Mogadishu was controlled by Hawiye factions both politically and economically (14-15 Nov. 2003).

In 2004, Hawiye inter-clan clashes took place in Central Somalia (AFP 19 Jan. 2004; *ibid.* 13 Jan. 2004; AP 19 Jan. 2004). In 2002, Hawiye were involved in intra-Hawiye fighting in Mogadishu (AFP 7 Mar. 2002; IRIN 26 Dec. 2002). That same year, there was inter-clan fighting between the Hawiye's Garre sub-clan and the Dir's Jiddo sub-clan in villages of the Lower Shabelle region, in south Somalia (AFP 23 Jan. 2002). Corroborating information could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, the BBC, in January 2002, indicated that fighting over land occurred between the Jiddoh and

Jareer sub-clans in the Lower Shabelle region (26 Jan. 2002).

Additional information on the Hawiye could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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